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EPIDEMIC OF VARIOLA IN THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

According to late reports from Buenos Ayres, Argentina, variola has again assumed epidemic form in that city and in the surrounding neighborhood. Reports dated three days ago state that 18 cases had occurred the previous day, and that many cases were of daily occurrence. All passengers on the vessels of the mail lines leaving this port and Santos for Argentina ports, are required to be vaccinated before entry into Argentina. This order is a recent one and the vessel leaving this port for Buenos Ayres yesterday was the first to be subjected to it.

MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY—RIO DE JANEIRO.

Week ended October 7, 1906. One fatal case of yellow fever. Until the occurrence of this and the fatal case reported last week, there had been absolute freedom from this disease for almost 8 weeks. There was also 1 case of variola, with no mortality. Plague shows 5 cases and 2 deaths. At the close of the week, there were in the Hospital São Sebastião, no cases of yellow fever, 3 cases of variola, and 11 cases of plague, with 22 cases of suspicious illness under observation.

CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions.

Temporary Acting Assistant Surgeon Hough reports as follows:

Week ended September 15, 1906. Restrictions enforced against Hongkong as reported on September 8, 1906, have been withdrawn by Chefoo.

Week ended September 22, 1906. Restrictions enforced against Hongkong as reported on September 15, 1906, have been withdrawn by Newchwang, Madras, and Shanghai.

Week ended September 29, 1906. Restrictions enforced against Hongkong remain as reported on September 22, 1906.

Week ended October 6, 1906.

Restrictions enforced against Hongkong remain as reported on September 29, 1906.

Precautions taken at Hongkong during the month of September, 1906, for the protection of the public health of the United States, the Insular Territory, and the Republic of Panama.

Vessels inspected and granted bills of health	27
Vessels fumigated to kill vermin	0
Examined for diseases contemplated in paragraphs 29 and 67 of the Quarantine Regulations:	
(a) Personnel	2, 663
(b) Passengers	595
Required to bathe and undergo special examination:	
(a) Personnel	1, 857
(b) Passengers	252
Examined for diseases contemplated by the laws controlling immigration:	
(a) Aliens	340
(b) Rejected	99
Baggage:	
(a) Inspected and labeled	11
(b) Disinfected and labeled	2, 841
Cargo stored (paragraph 22):	
Human hair	boxes.. 11
Bristles	do..... 11